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TEASER:

INT. GRAND CENTRAL STATION - MAIN CONCOURSE - DAY

ESTABLISHING - COMMUTERS bustle through the busy concourse.

A man, a boy and a dog swim against the tide.

1 JAKE (O.S.)
Yo, G. I'm the American

Dragon, not the American Bellboy.

CLOSER - GRANDPA, JAKE and a leashed FU DOG (on all fours) cut through crowds toward the lower concourse tunnels. Jake struggles to keep hold of the THREE SUITCASES he's carrying.

2 JAKE (CONT'D) How come Fu can't carry his own junk?

3 GRANDPA
Until we reach the Isle of Draco,
we must travel incognito.

4 FU DOG

Woof. Bark. Sucker. Ruff-ruff.

5 JAKE

Yeah, I got your "ruff" right here.

Jake tries to swing a suitcase at Fu, but collapses under the weight.

6 JAKE (CONT'D)

CUT TO:

INT. GRAND CENTRAL STATION - TUNNELS - MOMENTS LATER

Jake pushes the suitcases down a tunnel incline.

7 JAKE

So do they got wet suits on this island? Last time I went surfing without one, I got tons of sand up my-

8 GRANDPA

Jake, the summit is not a vacation. It is a chance for the world's dragons to meet, share techniques, and exchange ideas. Most importantly, you will finally meet the World Dragon Council.

They walk out of the tunnel and into-

INT. GRAND CENTRAL STATION - LOWER CONCOURSE - CONTINUOUS

Jake follows Grandpa and Fu to a lonely elevator with an "Out

of Service" sign hung on it.

9 JAKE

Uh-huh. So we're really taking a train all the way to some island on the other side of the world?

GRANDPA - reaches the elevator, starts the up and down buttons in a specific sequence.

10 GRANDPA Don't be ridiculous.

THE DOORS - open, revealing a DWARF ELEVATOR

OPERATOR.

11 GRANDPA (CONT'D) We are taking the elevator.

12 JAKE

Say what?

Grandpa and Fu step into the elevator. The Dwarf ties down their luggage as Jake gets in.

13 DWARF ELEVATOR OPERATOR

(deadpan/reciting)

Welcome to Enchanted Elevators, where service always comes with a smile. Please prepare for departure.

Grandpa and Fu both grip the railing.

14 FU DOG

Hold on tight, kid.

15 JAKE

What for?

16 FU DOG

Trust me. I ain't made it through yet without my friend Ralph Upchuck makin' a big splash.

17 DWARF ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Going down.

The elevator rises up a few feet, then straight down like a slingshot, Jake against the ceiling.

18 JAKE (O.S.)

AAAAAAAHHHHHHHhhhhhhhh...

A quiet beat, then--

19 FU DOG (O.S.)

(distant)

Whoops! Told ya.

The elevator doors shut.

SMASH CUT TO:

OPENING CREDIT SEQUENCE

#### ACT ONE

INT. THE EARTH'S CORE - DAY

QUICK CUTS - The elevator twists and turns down a windy elevator shaft, cutting through rock, magma, and molten lava.

20 JAKE (O.S.)

CUT TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - HILL - DAY

A grassy hill topped by a glass-walled ELEVATOR TERMINAL. A quick beat of silence, then-

21 JAKE (O.S.) ...aaaaaAAAAAHHHHHH!!

The elevator car shoots into the terminal, to a quick stop. The doors open.

22 DWARF ELEVATOR OPERATOR (deadpan/reciting)
Enchanted Elevators welcomes you to the Isle of Draco. We realize when you travel you have many choices...

FU DOG - barges past him, looking ill.

Yeah, yeah--somebody get me to a bathroom!

(clutches his stomach)
I think my contents may have shifted during flight.

As Grandpa calmly walks outs out, we-

Reveal a woozy Jake plastered to the ceiling. He falls from the roof of the car, and into the floor.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - DRAGON COMPOUND - DAY

ESTABLISHING - A camp-like atmosphere, dragon-style. A mix of international architecture styles - pagoda, acropolis, Gothic... Dragon artwork everywhere. A banner reads:

"Welcome to the 1472nd Isle of Draco Summit."

PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONS mill about the compound.

NEARBY HILL - Grandpa, and an ill Fu Dog come into view, with Jake carting the luggage. He takes in the compound.

24 GRANDPA Remember, Jake. It is important you make a good first impression upon the World Dragon Council.

25 JAKE Pfft. G, please.

As Grandpa and Fu Dog continue, Jake hangs back, drops the suitcases, and one open.

26 JAKE (CONT'D) I'm gonna show 'em what separates the Am Drag from the pack.

INSIDE THE SUITCASE - Jake's skateboard and protective equipment, a hand-held video game, and a change of socks.

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - DRAGON COMPOUND - MOMENTS LATER

Five important-looking individuals walk through the compound:
icy Nordic COUNCILOR KULDE; tall, serious African COUNCILOR

ANDAM; pale female Atlantean COUNCILOR OMINA; short South

American COUNCILOR KUKULKAN; and elderly Chinese female

COUNCILOR CHANG.

27 COUNCILOR ANDAM ...It seems the only student yet to arrive is the American Dragon.

28 JAKE (O.S.) What up, what up, y'all?!

JAKE - on board and in gear, back-flipping through a nasty skate trick past Fu Dog and a stunned Grandpa.

29 JAKE (CONT'D)
American Dragon in da houuuuuuse!

He lands his move perfectly, but--

IN THE CROWD - A tall, teen -- FRED NERK, the Australian Dragon -- watches, wearing a mischievous smile. He turns to some nearby Dragon campers.

30 FRED Hey, mates. What say we raz the new kid?

Fred's dragon tail like a blur, tripping up the front wheels of Jake's board.

31 JAKE

Whoa!

THE SKATEBOARD - hits Councilor Andam, who spins and MORPHS into the four-winged, spiky AFRICAN DRAGON. He a claw into the board, which and shrivels in decay.

JAKE - goes flying into Councilor Kulde, who MORPHS into the cobalt-and-white NORSE DRAGON and blasts ICY BREATH at-
COUNCILOR CHANG - who becomes frozen in a block of ice.

Fred doubles over in hysterics.

32 FRED
Ace move, mate! Good onya!

Jake turns to see Kulde, frozen Chang, and rest of the Dragon Council glaring at him

ON CHANG - seething in her frozen block, STEAM as the ice melts above her head.

Fu Dog and a cross Grandpa walk up to Jake.

33 FU DOG So much for good first impressions.

CUT TO:

INT. TEMPLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - DAY

A thick file down on a table.

34 COUNCILOR KULDE (O.S.) Using Shapeshifting spells for personal gain.

WIDER - Jake, flanked by Grandpa and Fu, stands before the Council. Councilor Chang has now thawed, but is dripping wet and wrapped in a blanket.

35 COUNCILOR KULDE (CONT'D) Revealing dragon identity to humans. Taking a soul-sucking Nix to his school dance?!

Fu Dog shrugs.

36 FU DOG Hey, can you blame the kid? She was hot!

A moment of blank stares, then-

37 COUNCILOR ANDAM Lao Shi, we find these violations of the Official Dragon Code very disturbing. And after this morning's fiasco--

38 JAKE
Yo, I got tripped, man! That
wasn't my--

Grandpa holds up a silencing finger. As Grandpa speaks, touching begins to play.

39 GRANDPA
I do not deny that Jake is rough
around the edges, Councilor Andam.
But he has what counts most -- a
good heart and an even greater--FU!

WIDEN TO REVEAL - Fu stands beside Grandpa playing a VIOLIN. Grandpa's exclamation causes a startled Fu to play one last He shrugs.

40 FU DOG

What? I thought you were tryin' to create a mood here.

Councilor Chang is not amused.

41 COUNCILOR CHANG Lao Shi, such rebellion by your student is unacceptable. It is time for the American Dragon to be tested.

Grandpa reacts, surprised.

42 GRANDPA

Here? Now?

Jake shakes his head.

43 JAKE

Sorry, dudes. I came to surf. Just tell me where I can get a wet suit so I don't get sand up my-

Councilor Kulde stares down Jake.

44 COUNCILOR KULDE You will be put to three tests, each of a different skill and standard of the dragon.

A MIRROR in the back of the room to life. On the mirror, an ANIMATED DRAGON breathes fireballs.

45 COUNCILOR KULDE (O.S.)

(cont'd)

The test of Judgment in Fire.

The Animated Dragon kung-fus ANIMATED GOBLINS charging in from every direction.

46 COUNCILOR ANDAM (O.S.)

The test of Wisdom in Battle.

The Animated Dragon soars, dodging obstacles.

47 COUNCILOR CHANG (O.S.) The test of Courage in Flight.

THE COUNCIL - looking imposing.

48 COUNCILOR CHANG (CONT'D) We will require you to pass at least two.

(to Grandpa)

Lao Shi, you of all people know what is at stake if the boy fails. Any questions?

Fu Dog raises his hand and points to the magical mirror.

49 FU DOG Yeah. Is this plasma? Looks like plasma.

THE COUNCIL - just stares at him, not amused.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON CAMP - MOMENTS LATER

Jake, Grandpa and Fu walk past various cabins.

50 JAKE
That Chang lady is wack. (imitating Chang) "You of all people know..."
What did she even mean by that?

51 GRANDPA Do not concern yourself. We must focus on the first test.

DOWN THE PATHWAY - Fred Nerk crosses with THREE FRIENDS.

52 JAKE Uh-huh. Yo, that's the fool who tripped me up. What's his damage?

53 FU DOG Fred Nerk. He's the first Australian Dragon. He was the new kid on the block until you came along. Guess he doesn't like bein' the flavor of last week.

Jake's eyes glean with mischief.

54 JAKE

Oh, if he wants flava, I'll give him flava...

Jake starts forward, but Grandpa holds him back.

55 GRANDPA

Jake, we have no time for childish revenge. I will reserve the practice field. You and Fu Dog will meet me in fifteen minutes.

Jake's eyes follow Fred until he's gone.

56 JAKE

Field in fifteen. I'm on it, G.

Grandpa exits down another hall. Jake turns to Fu Dog.

57 JAKE (CONT'D)

How much damage you think we can do in fifteen minutes?

58 FU DOG

Kid, you have no idea.

CUT TO:

EXT. PICNIC TABLE AREA - LATER

Fred and a handful of DRAGON STUDENTS eat lunch.

59 JAKE (LOUDSPEAKER V.O.)

Fred Nerk, please report to the front office. Your mommy has dropped off fresh undies and rash cream for your sensitive area.

Fred reacts, embarrassed. The Dragon students .

60 FRED

Heh-heh. They must have me confused with another bloke.

Fred takes off towards the front office-

EXT. FRONT OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER

Fred rushes up to the front office. Just as he swings open the doors, GOOEY CHOCOLATE SYRUP drops from OS,

coating him.

61 FRED

What the--?!

Fred looks up. PAN UP to the roof, where Fu Dog sets down a GIANT CAN of chocolate syrup, grabs a BAG of sprinkles.

FRED - gets a dousing of SPRINKLES. PASSERS-BY . The Dragon Students rush up to see the commotion.

Just then, Jake walks up wearing a cocky grin. Fred glares.

62 FRED (CONT'D)

You!

CHOPPED PEANUTS rain onto Fred. Jake pulls a CHERRY from his pocket, sets it on the top of Fred's head.

63 JAKE
Yo Nerk-just wanted to give you the scoop: step off the Am Drag.
(thumps his chest)
NYC, what?!

Exit Jake as Fu Dog hops down from the roof.

64 FU DOG Now we gotta split. Get it? Split?? Maybe we'll see you next Sundae!

Fu staggers away, as Fred seethes.

65 FRED All right, let's have a go, then.

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAINING FIELD - PRANK MONTAGE - DAY

Jake does FIREBALL target practice for Grandpa underneath a tree. He hits one target, two, three targets, when—Unnoticed by Grandpa, a nearby lurking Fred breathes a fireball on the branch above Jake, causing an ACTIVE BEEHIVE to fall onto Jake's head. Jake flounders, trying in vain to

remove the hive.

66 JAKE

67 DRAGON STUDETNS A DISAPPROVING GRANDPA - shakes his head as Nerk laughs.

68 NERK
Crikey, mate. You're creating quite a buzz.

Jake finally removes the hive, seething.

69 JAKE Oh, it's on.

Fu walks up to Jake, pulling a SMALL POUCH out of his folds.

70 FU DOG
Officially, I'm against
retaliating. Unofficially, lemme
introduce you to a little somethin'
I call "Fu's Bag 'O Gags."

CUT TO:

EXT. PICNIC AREA - PRANK MONTAGE CONT'D - DAY

As Fred talks to a CUTE GIRL, Jake walks behind him,

surreptitiously slipping a MAGICAL GLOWING DISK in Fred's back pocket.

Jake joins Fu Dog behind a nearby tree. They spy Fred from a safe distance.

71 JAKE
So how long does it take for these
Magic Confetti Blasters to work?

72 FU DOG In three... two... one...

A powerful, continuous stream OF CONFETTI out of the seat of Fred's pants.

73 FRED

Fred runs off screaming as confetti continues to shoot out of his pants like fire from a rocket engine. Kids laugh.

#### 74 DRAGON STUDENTS

INT. SHOWER STALL - PRANK MONTAGE CONT'D - DAY

While Jake showers with his eyes closed, Fred reaches into the stall and replaces Jake's SOAP with a bar with the words "INVISI-SOAP" carved into it. As Jake grabs for the soap, Fred takes Jake's TOWEL and slips out.

ANGLE OUTSIDE THE SHOWER STRUCTURE - A ticked off, naked Jake storms outside, his midsection (waist to upper thighs) invisible. Dragon Campers and exchange knowing looks.

75 DRAGON STUDENT Invisible soap, eh?

Fred nods, gleefully.

76 FRED Least we know he washes the important parts.

As Jake seethes, we-

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - DAY

Jake and Fu eye Fred from a distance. Fu Dog pulls a SHAKER out of his bag 'o gags and hands it to Jake.

77 FU DOG Magical Sneezing Salts. 'Tis the seasoning for sneeze-ening.

Jake takes the magical shaker.

\$78\$ JAKE I am all over that.

79 COUNCILOR KULDE (O.S.)

Jake Long!

Jake and Fu whip around to see Councilor Kulde behind them.

Jake hides the shaker behind his back.

80 COUNCILOR KULDE (CONT'D) Come with me. The test of Judgment in Fire is prepared.

81 JAKE Can't it wait, like, a few minutes? I gotta-

Kulde yanks Jake over to two rows of structures which form a narrow alleyway. Each side has cutout holes - windows, doors, etc. TWO GUARDS stand at one end, Jake at the other.

82 COUNCILOR KULDE You must cross to the other side of the course, melting any of my ice targets that threaten you. Not every target will be a danger. Use your fire with good judgment.

Jake nods confidently.

83 JAKE
Yo, if my judgement was any sharper, they'd confiscate it at airport security.

The Council, Grandpa and Fu watch from nearby stands.

84 COUNCILOR KULDE

Begin!

Jake (still holding the shaker of magical sneezing salts) bolts into action, running into the gauntlet.

WINDOW - An ICE OGRE pops up, club raised.

85 JAKE Ogre with a club. Definite bad guy.

Jake FIREBALLS the ice ogre, melting it. He keeps running.

DOORWAY - An ICE TROLL rolls into frame, holding flowers.

86 JAKE (CONT'D)
Troll with flowers. Ugly, not
dangerous. Yo, this test is cake!

Jake right into an ICE UNICORN, causing the shaker of sneezing salts in his hand to break open.

Smell lines quickly waft right up to Jake's dragon nose.

Jake's eyes water. He's losing it.

87 JAKE (CONT'D)
Aw, no... Not now. Don't sneeze.
Come on...

FIREBALLS fly everywhere, melting an ICE MERMAID, obliterating an ICE LEPRECHAUN LADY WITH A BABY CARRIAGE, decapitating an ICE ELFIN GIRL ON CRUTCHES, exploding an ICE FU DOG...

88 FU DOG

Hey!

ON JAKE - building up for a big one.

89 JAKE
A HUGE FIREBALL hurtles right for
the stand. The Councilors,
Grandpa, and Fu Dog leap clear as
the stand. The Councilors pick
themselves up, glaring at-- JAKE who smiles weakly.

90 JAKE (CONT'D) Socooo would that be a "pass" or a "fail?"

ZIP PAN TO - the MAGICAL MIRROR from council chambers. It
to life, reading, "TEST 1 - FAILED!"

WIPE TO:

EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - LATER

The course is a smoky, burned-out mess. Grandpa lectures Jake and Fu Dog.

91 GRANDPA

Magic sneezing Salts?! Jake, I told you to take these tests seriously!

92 JAKE

Why? Who cares what the Council thinks?

Grandpa rests on a charred bench.

93 GRANDPA Jake, in the Order of the Dragon there are no bad students, only bad masters.

94 FU DOG
The thing is, kid, the Council
never wanted Gramps to train you.
Seems they got some rule about
family not training family.

95 GRANDPA
They allowed it only after I
insisted, and only on a trial
basis. (then) Jake, if you do not
pass the two remaining tests, you
will be assigned a new Master.

ON JAKE - horrified at this bombshell.

96 JAKE What?? They can't do that!

97 GRANDPA They can... and they will.

PULL BACK to reveal a CLOAKED FIGURE spying on this scene.

After a beat, the Cloaked Figure exits.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK MOUNTAINOUS CAVERN - DAY

A rocky cavern, lit by TORCHLIGHT and the GLOW OF FLOWING MAGMA. A MASSIVE REPTILIAN FIGURE stands in semi-darkness. Several SHADE MINIONS flit about the room.

The cloaked Figure approaches.

98 DARK DRAGON (O.S.) News from my loyal servant?

The Figure nods.

99 DARK DRAGON (O.S.) (CONT'D) The boy has failed his first test, then?

Another nod. The silhouetted figure smiles, its sinister, jagged dragon teeth catching the light.

DARK DRAGON (O.S.) (CONT'D) Excellent.

CUT TO BLACK:

## END ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

INT. GYMNASIUM - DAY

DRAGON JAKE - focused and tensed for battle.

101 JAKE

Okay, griffin. Ready to rumble?

FU DOG - in griffin costume -- strap-on wings, beak, and

tail. He also wears protective boxing headgear and pads.

102 FU DOG

And if I said no?

WIDER - Jake, Fu and Grandpa are in a training gym. THIRTEEN

103 GRANDPA

STONE STATUES line the wall nearby. As Jake and Fu circle-

Jake, remember what you know about magical creatures. Goblins have sensitive sense of smell, brownies like shiny things, and griffins fight-

104 FU DOG

Fu swings a wing at Jake, smacking him to the ground.

105 GRANDPA

-dirty. (then) Next foe: siren!

ON FU DOG - taking off the griffin accessories.

106 FU DOG

Aw, don't make me wear the wig.

107 GRANDPA

Jake's second test is Wisdom in Battle. He must be ready for whatever creature they match against him.

108 JAKE (O.S.)

Yo, G!

Back in human form, Jake wanders over to one of the statues. It's THE HUNTSMAN.

109 JAKE (CONT'D) How come they got a statue of the Huntsman in a dragon gym?

110 GRANDPA
The Huntsman is one of The
Thirteen, the most dangerous
threats to the magical world.

111 FU DOG The dirty baker's dozen.

112 GRANDPA We keep their statues to remind us why we must train so hard.

113 FU DOG Plus, they really bring out the curtains.

TRACK JAKE as he walks along the row of statues.

114 JAKE So... if the Huntsman's number four, who's the baddest of the bad?

STOP on a huge, menacing STATUE of the DARK DRAGON, a towering black reptile. (We recognize this as the same ominous reptilian silhouette from earlier.)

115 GRANDPA The Dark Dragon.

116 FU DOG
No one knows who he is or where he came from, only that he's been consumed by powerful dark magic.
Only one dragon's ever faced him and lived.

Fu Dog , pointing to Grandpa.

117 FU DOG (CONT'D) Rightoverthere.

Jake's eyes go wide. He's impressed.

118 JAKE You? Way to go Gramps!

120 FU DOG

The Council thinks the Dark Dragon is gone forever, but Gramps, here, isn't so sure.

121 GRANDPA

That is why I insisted on training you myself.

122 JAKE

Wait. You think I'm gonna have to face him someday?

Instead of answering, Grandpa turns to Fu Dog.

123 GRANDPA

Enough questions. We must get back to siren training. Fu Dog!

ON FU DOG - in a long black WIG. He pulls LIPSTICK from his folds, wipes it on.

124 FU DOG

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

(vamping)

Come over here, sailor, so I can seduce you to destruction.

125 JAKE

That is so wrong in so many ways.

Bursts of YELLOW-GREEN SMOKE flare up

across the gym. Jake, Grandpa and Fu take action positions.

126 FU DOG

127 JAKE

Aw, that is foul!

128 GRANDPA

Magic stinkbombs.

129 STUDENTS (O.S.)

FRED & SOME DRAGONS - standing outside an open skylight.

130 FRED

Wow, mate. You sure

know how to stink up the place!

Fred and the dragon students disappear.

Jake's WINGS morph out, but Grandpa puts a calming hand on his shoulder.

131 GRANDPA

Jake, we are not training for Fred Nerk. We are training for sirens, ogres, werewolves...

132 FU DOG

Oh, my.

133 JAKE

(focusing)

Sirens, ogres, werewolves... Sirens, ogres, werewolves...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. TRAINING STADIUM - DAY

ESTABLISHING - Jake stands alone in the center of the arena, staring at a closed grate blocking off the dark stadium tunnel.

GRANDPA & FU DOG - watch from the stands, sitting near Councilor Andam. The other Councilors look on. The air is filled with anticipation.

JAKE - steels himself as the gate begins to slowly lift.

134 JAKE

Okay. Sirens, ogres, werewolves, whatever's comin' outta there, I'm ready.

The gate finishes lifting.

135 COUNCILOR ANDAM The test of Wisdom in Battle shall

begin!

Jake stares at the dark tunnel, and waits. Nothing comes out.

136 JAKE Uh... There's nothing there.

137 BROWNIE 1 (O.S.)

Oy!

SMASH ZOOM to the grass, where stand three pug-nosed, rough looking, but very tiny BROWNIES (the soccer hooligans of the magical world). All three wear COILED ROPES on their belts.

138 BROWNIE 1 (CONT'D) You want us to bash you right now?

JAKE - squinting to see the Brownies.

139 JAKE Sorry, I didn't see you down there. (to Andam) Brownies? Are you joking?

140 COUNCILOR ANDAM The test is mine to administer, and I choose Brownies.

141 BROWNIE 1 (O.S.) Ring the bell, boyo!

Exit Councilor Andam. Jake notices the CROWD gathering in the stands, including Fred Nerk and his posse.

142 GRANDPA Remember, Jake, the test is Wisdom in Battle.

143 JAKE
I'm all over this one, G. I got
wisdom comin' out my ears!

Exit Grandpa and Fu. Jake looks down and takes with surprise.

144 JAKE (CONT'D) What the--?

THREE LUMPS appear inside the base of his pant legs, rapidly climbing up. They reach his shirt, keep going.

Jake spazzes into a wacky dance.

Huh?

145 JAKE (CONT'D) Hey- Get off of- That tickles-

JAKE'S HAND - the Brownies exit his sleeve at the wrist. Each latches onto a different finger.

> 146 BROWNIE 1

Ready, lads?

147 BROWNIE 2 & 3

Right!

The three Brownies open mouths wide, then dive in for --

148 **JAKE** 

Jake shakes his hand. The Brownies fly loose. STANDS - Fred and friends are .

> 149 **FRED**

Hey, Jakearoo! Need a hand?

Fu Dog winces at the bad pun as he pulls a CELL PHONE from his folds and dials.

> FU DOG 150 (into phone) Big Ernie, Fu. Sixty biscuits on Jake ... and put a couple of brownies on the Brownies.

IN THE FIELD - The unseen Brownies cut trails through the grass like children of the corn, heading for Jake.

> **JAKE** 151

Dragon up!

Jake morphs into full dragon.

JAKE (CONT'D) 152

Let's see what you got now that Am Drag's in da hizzy!

THE BROWNIES - in full run, take the ropes off their belts. DRAGON JAKE - fists ready for an attack. But suddenly, the Brownies pop up from the grass, trailing ropes behind them.

> 153 JAKE (CONT'D)

Huh?

The Brownies orbit Jake from every side, wrapping ropes around his arms, legs, and wings.

DRAGON JAKE'S SHOULDER - Brownie 1 lands, grabs his rope and cinches it.

DRAGON JAKE - bound up tight.

154 JAKE (CONT'D)

Aw, man.

Jake falls helpless into the grass.

STANDS - more from the crowd, disbelief from Fu and Grandpa.

> 155 FU DOG (into phone) Changed my mind, Ern. Put the brownies on the Dragon and the biscuits on the Brownies... No, the other brownies!

156 GRANDPA Remember, Jake, the test is...

DRAGON JAKE - straining to get free. The Brownies bump chests in triumph on Jake's torso.

> 157 JAKE Wisdom in Battle. Come on, Jake. What do you know about Brownies? They're small, they're not that smart--

158 BROWNIE 1 (O.S.)

I heard that! Oy!

159 **JAKE** -- they like shiny things... Wait.

Jake grabs a fistful of sand, throws it in the air several feet away from him, and a FIREBALL at it. The flame causes the sand to fall to the ground in a glittery cascade. STANDS - Fred is loving this.

> 160 FRED He's gonna torch the Crickey! place again!

DRAGON JAKE'S CHEST - The Brownies' eyes follow the glitter.

161 BROWNIE 1

Ooh...

162 BROWNIE 2 & 3

Shiny!

They hop off and chase the glitter

163 JAKE

Claws of the Dragon!

Jake's CLAWS extend, the ropes. He pops up.

STANDS - Grandpa pumps his fist.

164 GRANDPA

That's what Grandpa's talkin'

'bout!

The Council turns to stare at Grandpa's outburst.

165 GRANDPA (CONT'D)

I mean, uh, wise move young dragon.

THE BROWNIES - crowd around the glitter as it dies out.

166 BROWNIE 1

Oy, where'd it go?

167 JAKE (O.S.)

Brownie likes the shiny?

WHIP PAN to Jake, blowing a fireball on more airborne sand, causing more glitter to cascade to his open palm.

168 JAKE (CONT'D)

Then bring it.

169 BROWNIE 1, 2 & 3

Right!

Jake holds his ground as the Brownies cut through the grass toward him.

The Brownies dive for the glitter, still cascading onto his palm. Jake his clawed hands together, right on top of the glitter and the Brownies.

STANDS - shock and awe.

170 CROWD

171 FU DOG

Oh, Jake. You didn't have to pulverize 'em.

DRAGON JAKE - holds up his still clamped hands.

CLOSE ON JAKE'S HANDS - his claws form a makeshift cage, with the singed Brownies trapped inside.

172 BROWNIE 1

Oy, what's this, then?

173 CROWD

Jake hot-dogs it for the crowd.

174 JAKE

Am Drag representin'! Can I get a holla back?!

STANDS - The Council looks pleased.

175 COUNCILOR ANDAM

Your dragon student has been taught well, Lao Shi.

Councilor Chang watches Jake showboat below.

\$176\$ COUNCILOR CHANG The boy is too cocky. We will see

if he struts like a peacock after my test.

177 GRANDPA

He will be ready.

WHIP PAN TO - the magical mirror inside council chambers. It crackles to life, reading "TEST TWO - PASSED!"

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - DAY

ESTABLISHING - the crowds have turned out en masse,

surrounding the field. A small group stands in the middle.

178 COUNCILOR CHANG (O.S.)

Your Strength in Flight will be tested by the Isle of Draco itself.

CLOSER - Chang and the other Councilors face Jake, Grandpa and Fu Dog.

You will fly the perimeter of the island, through three magical rings, facing every obstacle in your path. But survival is not your only goal. To pass this test, you must fly faster than your competitor... whom you shall choose.

180 JAKE

I get to choose?

Just then, Fu Dog whips up beside Jake, carrying a few FILES.

181 FU DOG

I've scouted the competition and I suggest goin' with the Guatemalan Dragon.

ZIP PAN TO - a TINY GUATEMALAN BOY with a dragon tail.

182 FU DOG (O.S.) (CONT'D) He's got bad allergies and a wingspan the size of my pinky.

The Boy takes a hit from his INHALER and gives a friendly wave.

183 TINY GUATEMALAN BOY

Hola!

ZIP PAN BACK TO JAKE - who shakes his head, staring at Fred.

184 JAKE

No way, Fu. I want Nerk.

Various dragon students take with surprise.

185 DRAGON STUDENTS

000000h...

Fred strides out onto the field, MORPHING into a sleek,

RAINBOW-STRIPED DRAGON.

186 FRED

With pleasure.

187 FU DOG

I'm all for self-confidence, kid, but he owns this course.

188 GRANDPA

Jake, if you fail...

189 JAKE

You told me to take these challenges seriously, G, and that's what I'm doin'-- standin' up to the challenge. I gotta do this.

Grandpa gives Jake a disappointed look.

190 GRANDPA

As you wish, young dragon.

191 COUNCILOR CHANG

Very well, then. Dragons ready?

192 JAKE

Dragon up!

Jake MORPHS into dragon form.

193 COUNCILOR CHANG

Begin!

Jake and Fred into the sky as-

Fu Dog turns back to the Tiny Guatemalan Boy.

194 FU DOG

Hey junior, about what I said-no
hard feelins', right?

The tiny boy suddenly unleashes a

causing a scared Fu Dog to jump into Grandpa's arms.

195 FU DOG (CONT'D)

(to Grandpa)

Hide me?

CUT TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - COAST - DAY

White sand beaches line this part of the coast. A speck comes into view. As it comes closer, we see it's Dragon Fred. Another speck trails behind -- Jake's closing.

Fred hits the shore, banks quickly to the right, following the coastline. Jake follows.

CLOSER - TRACK the pair as Fred looks over his shoulder.

Fred zips through the FIRST AERIAL RING followed by Jake.

196 FRED
Not bad, mate! Let's see you keep
up in the trees!

Ahead, the beach rises to a cliff, topped with a forest.

CUT TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - FOREST - DAY

Thick trees and fallen logs make a natural obstacle course. Fred and Jake through the forest.

197 FRED Try to follow this one!

Fred dodges over, under and around trunks.

Jake, determined, follows Fred's lead perfectly -- over, under, around, and sees--

FRED - waiting, pulling a branch back. He releases.

Jake slingshots backward.

198 JAKE
He regains his balance, shakes off
the blow, and forward again.

CUT TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - GORGE - DAY

A rocky coastal cliff. A U-shaped gorge cuts through like a skateboarding half-pipe. HUGE BOULDERS roll back and forth inside, moving with the constant of the earth.

Fred drops into the gorge, weaving around the rolling

boulders, loving it.

Jake drops in behind Fred. He Fred on the shoulder as they simultaneously fly through the SECOND AERIAL RING.

199 FRED Still trying, eh? It's time you learned your place.

200 JAKE I already know my place. It's right in front of you.

Jake a FLAT PIECE OF ROCK from a boulder. He grabs it and puts it under his feet like a rock snowboard.

Jake turns on the jets, passing Fred. With his wings providing acceleration, he cuts through the gorge like it's a skate park, off of rolling boulders.

Fred takes with surprise, then pours it on, angry.

CUT TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - VOLCANOES - DAY

A coastal volcanic hot spot. Dozens of VOLCANOES . LAVA flows in veins on the ground.

This time, Jake comes into view first, Fred trailing.

201 FRED

Home stretch, Jakearoo. Time to make it hot.

Every volcano seems to at once.

202 JAKE

Whoa!

Jake scrambles to avoid flying MAGMA, dancing around the hot pots, Fred just behind him. They pass the last of them. All looks clear, until--

A GIANT SHADOW HAND - appears out of a mountain crevice, grabbing for Jake.

JAKE (CONT'D)

Wha-?

204 FRED

(slightly alarmed)

That's new.

The hand snatches at Jake, but he's in the zone, darting away. Fred's still right behind him.

205 JAKE

Easy there, handsy! Why are you only goin' after me?

The hand makes a final grasp, but Jake's clear.

The hand seems to look around, then quickly snatches Fred.

206 FRED

Let... go! Whooooaaa!

Jake turns back to see--

THE HAND - slinks back into the rock crevice, taking Fred with it.

Jake looks back and forth, torn. Makes a decision.

207 JAKE

I'm so gonna regret this.

He flies to where Fred disappeared and breathes a . A hole is , and Jake flies inside.

CUT TO:

INT. DARK MOUNTAINOUS CAVERN - DAY

The Dark Dragon's lair. Jake flies into the empty room, sees the torches. The air is SMOKY.

208 JAKE

What is this place?

The sounds of an OS . Jake turns, tensed.

209 FRED (O.S.)

Look out! It's a tra--

The smoke condenses into Shade Minions, blocking the way in

front of Jake. He turns and into-THE DARK DRAGON - menacing as hell.

210 DARK DRAGON American Dragon... I've been expecting you.

FADE TO BLACK.

# END ACT TWO

#### ACT THREE

INT. DARK MOUNTAINOUS CAVERN - DAY

Dark Dragon and the Shade Minions have Jake surrounded, the Dark Dragon blocking the way Jake came in. Jake nervously tries to keep it together.

211 JAKE

Yo. Y-y-you're that punk number one, the Dark Dragon.

212 DARK DRAGON And you are Lao Shi's grandson.

213 JAKE

You... know who I am?

214 DARK DRAGON
I know all about you and your
dragon tests. How pathetic to care
so much about remaining the student

215 JAKE

He was good enough to beat down your sorry--

216 DARK DRAGON

Lao Shi is an old fool who

of a second-rate master.

got very lucky once! I see he

hasn't yet taught you to fear me.

The Minions move on Jake. He unleashes a barrage of kung-fu.

217 JAKE

Jake kicks and punches the Shade Minions into SMOKE, clearing a path deeper into the caverns. He flies out of sight.

218 DARK DRAGON Very impressive, young one. But you cannot escape me.

The Dark Dragon's enormous wings .

INT. CATACOMBS - CONTINUOUS

Jake flies through the rocky tunnels, looking for a way out.

219 FRED (O.S.)

Over here!

Jake follows the noise, rounding a bend to see--

FRED - arms and legs clamped to the wall.

220 FRED (CONT'D)

Please! Help me! I-I-I can't get my claws at these manacles!

Jake open the clamps.

Several SHADE MINIONS FORM from the smoke in the room.

221 FRED (CONT'D)

Look out!

Jake dives through the Minions fists-first, pulverizing them.

222 JAKE

Jake grabs a stunned Fred by the wrist.

JAKE (CONT'D)

C'mon! We gotta get outta here!

CUT TO:

INT. DARK MOUNTAINOUS CAVERN - CONTINUOUS

Back in the main room of the Dark Dragon's lair, empty again.

A shaft of SUNLIGHT in the distance. Jake and Fred enter.

224 JAKE

There!

The Dark Dragon through a wall, cutting them off.

JAKE (CONT'D)

Go! I got tall, dark 'n ugly!

Fred nods, flying for the exit as Jake takes a kung fu pose.

226 DARK DRAGON

You certainly are

amusing.

The Dark Dragon and menacingly spreads his wings.

227 DARK DRAGON (CONT'D)

What say you now?

228 JAKE

I say "Bring it."

Jake and Dark Dragon exchange a whirlwind of kung-fu blows.

Jake fights furiously, but the Dark Dragon blocks him easily.

Jake's barely holding him off, losing it.

229 DARK DRAGON
Do you still believe in Lao Shi's training, young dragon?

230 JAKE

231 DARK DRAGON

You are mine now!

Dark Dragon turns to see--

232 DARK DRAGON (CONT'D)

What?!

A FIREBALL - headed right for his feet. It hits, and the ground . The Dark Dragon falls OS, revealing--

FRED - standing by the exit hole.

233 FRED

Come on, mate!

Jake grins.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOUNTAIN SIDE - CONTINUOUS

Fred flies out of the mountain hole, followed by Jake.

234 DARK DRAGON (O.S.) The mountain begins to , ROCKS TUMBLING. The Dark Dragon reaches through the exit hole, grabbing Jake's ankle.

235 JAKE

Hey!

ROCKS FALL onto the Dark Dragon, starting to bury him.

CLOSE ON JAKE'S ANKLE - as the Dark Dragon's grip slips off,
he tries to hold on with his claws.

JAKE (CONT'D)

Ow!

The slide closes off the exit, trapping Dark Dragon inside.

Jake reaches to his ankle, pulls out a NASTY BLACK CLAW.

237 FRED You all right, mate?

238 JAKE

Yeah.

239 FRED

Good. See you at the finish line!

Fred takes off, flying O.S. at top speed.

Jake flies back into action, chasing Fred.

240 JAKE Not if I see you first!

CUT TO:

EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - DAY

STANDS - The crowd watches the skies, waiting. Fu looks through binoculars.

241 FU DOG

I see 'em!

BINOCULAR POV - Two FIGURES appear on the horizon.

242 CROWD

GRANDPA - squints into the horizon.

243 GRANDPA

Is Jake in front?

Fu Dog makes an adjustment on the binoculars.

BINOCULAR POV, MAGNIFIED - Fred's got several yards on Jake.

ON FRED AND JAKE - through the sky, faster than

we've seen them yet. Jake's closing in.

244 JAKE

You're going down, Nerk!

245 FRED

Right you are, mate!

Fred dives down. Jake follows.

THE FIELD - WIDER - Jake's still gaining as they dive for the finish. Closer, closer, closer... not enough.

Fred flies through the remaining AERIAL HOOP first, then lands in front of the stands.

246 CROWD

Jake flies through the hoop just seconds later, shocked. IN THE STANDS - Fu Dog stunned, Grandpa looking sad.

247 FU DOG

I don't

believe it. They're gonna break up

the team.

Fu Dog his nose in a HANKY and offers it to Grandpa.

248 FU DOG (CONT'D)

Hanky?

FIELD - The Council is already here, shaking hands with Fred.

249 COUNCILOR CHANG

Excellent airmanship, Dragon Nerk.

Fu and Grandpa arrive, patting Jake on the back, consoling.

250 FU DOG

You were great, Jake.

251 GRANDPA

You performed better than I could have hoped. I am proud to have been your Master.

252 JAKE

This is whack, G! I'd have beat that punk if he hadn't got jumped by the Dark Dragon!

The crowd buzz stops, and all eyes suddenly go to Jake. The Council walks over to him.

253 COUNCILOR ANDAM

The Dark Dragon?

254 JAKE

He totally tried to bust my dome, yo! That's gotta be interference! I want a rematch!

255 COUNCILOR KULDE Are you saying you believe the Dark Dragon is back?

256 JAKE Believe nothin'. We barely got away from the freak.

A ripple of fear runs through the crowd.

257 CROWD

You can take me away from my Grandpa but I can tell you one thing: he's taught me right. It's time to start taking this dragon thing seriously. I thought that meant showing up guys like Fred Nerk, but I realized back there it means standing together.

ON FRED - stung by these words.

259 JAKE (CONT'D) 'Cause the Dark Dragon's back and that's the only way we're ever gonna defeat him.

The Councilors turn to Fred.

260 COUNCILOR ANDAM Dragon Nerk, is any of this true?

Fred struggles for a beat, then--

261 FRED

All of it. He had me beat, but he turned back to save me.

The Councilors trade looks. A silent decision is being made. Councilor Kulde turns to Jake.

262 COUNCILOR CHANG Dragon Long, circumstances aside, there is no arguing that you failed the test of Courage in Flight.

WHIP PAN - to the magical mirror in council chambers, which

to life. I reads, "TEST 3: FAILED." Then, WHIP

PAN back to scene as the crowd reacts.

263 CROWD Jake can't believe this.

264 JAKE Say what? Yo, that's the wackest thing I ever heard!

Councilor Kulde steps forward.

265 COUNCILOR KULDE But sacrificing your own glory to save a dragon in danger shows excellent Judgment in Fire. I award you bonus credit for my test. (with a smile) Just enough to pass. Congratulations.

CUT TO - The magical mirror now reads, "TEST 1: PASS!"

266 CROWD (O.S.)
BACK TO SCENE - Jake grins as Fu
Dog hugs onto his leg.

267 COUNCILOR CHANG (O.S.) Wait! Stop this!

The crowd quiets enough for a furious Chang to speak.

268 COUNCILOR CHANG (CONT'D) Are we going to throw away 1,000 years of rules and tradition on the word of two boys?! The American Dragon is obviously lying to make up for his failures!!

269 JAKE (O.S.)

Yo, Chang.

WHIP PAN to Jake, holding up a closed fist.

JAKE (CONT'D)

You don't have to take our word. You can take this.

He opens his fist, dropping something on the ground, then turns and walks off.

PUSH IN on what Jake dropped: the Dark Dragon's claw.

CUT TO:

EXT. DRAGON COMPOUND - DAY

Jake, Grandpa and an excited Fu, head back to camp.

271 FU DOG

Alright! Give it up for Jake dropping the claw and walking away like a bad boy. Za-za-zing!

Jake notices Grandpa still looks troubled.

272 JAKE

Yo, G. Team Dragon is back in action. You're supposed to be, like, happy?

273 GRANDPA

Sorry young one. But I fear the Dark Dragon knew too much about your tests for his appearance to be mere coincidence.

274 JAKE

Meaning...?

Grandpa pauses and looks back at the crowd of Dragons.

275 GRANDPA

Meaning we may have a dark agent in our midst.

A tense beat of concern, then-

276 FU DOG Alright! Give it up for Gramps and his buzzkill!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DARK MOUNTAINOUS CAVERN - DAY

The Cloaked Figure enters the Dark Dragon's lair. The Dark Dragon licks the wounds around his missing claw.

277 DARK DRAGON Our plan appears to have failed.

278 CLOAKED FIGURE Do not worry. In time he will be swayed to join us.

The figure removes its hood, revealing Councilor Chang.

279 COUNCILOR CHANG Just as all dragons will join us... Or be destroyed.

An ominous as we--

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - HILL - DAY

Jake drags the SUITCASES up the hill to the elevator terminal. Grandpa and Fu follow behind.

280 FRED (O.S.)

Jake!

Fred runs up the hill. He holds out his hand.

Just wanted to say thanks, mate. For everything.

Jake looks at the hand a beat, then shakes.

282 JAKE

You, too... mate.

Fred heads back.

283 FRED

(calling back)

Rematch next year?

284 JAKE

You're on... (sotto)

chump.

Another continuous stream of confetti shoots out the seat of his pants.

285 FRED (O.S.)

My trousers!

286 JAKE

Ha! Who's still da man?

Jake's smirk falls. He turns to see a stream of confetti shooting out of his own pants.

287 JAKE (CONT'D)

Yo, those were my favorite pants!

288 FRED (O.S.)

289 JAKE

Aw, man.

FADE OUT.

## END SHOW